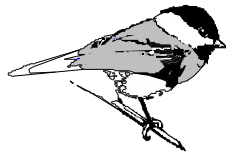


# OBSERVING BIRDS AT YOUR FEEDER

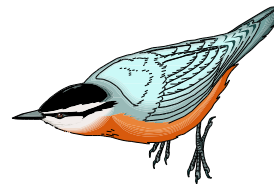
**EQUIPMENT:** Binoculars and Backyard Birds Guide

Check your yard and your feeder several times a day to see if you have any visitors. When you see a bird, what should you do?

- Be as still and quiet as you can. Startled birds fly away.
- Watch the bird for as long as you can. Try to notice its size, shape and other features. You may want to use binoculars.
- When the bird is gone, fill out a BIRD IDENTIFICATION SHEET.
- Use the BIRD IDENTIFICATION SHEET and your BACKYARD BIRDS guide to help you decide what kind of bird you saw.
- If your bird isn't in the guide book and you don't know what it is, you can make a guess. What do you think would be a good name for the bird? Also, your local library probably has a more complete bird guide.



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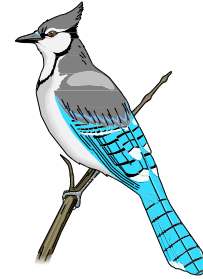
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**Reminder:** Check the base of your feeder every few days to see if it needs to be cleaned out. This is especially important in soggy weather.

# AMAZING BIRD FACTS:

THE FALCON HAS A DIVING SPEED OF UP TO **150 MILES PER HOUR!**

A HUMMINGBIRD CAN BEAT ITS WINGS **50** TIMES PER SECOND.  
IT CAN HOVER, FLY FORWARD, BACKWARDS **OR UPSIDE DOWN!**



JAY

AN OWL'S HEARING IS SO SHARP THAT IT CAN DIVE ON ITS PREY **IN TOTAL DARKNESS!**

THOUGH MEADOWLARKS LOOK ABOUT THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, THE SONGS OF THE EASTERN AND WESTERN MEADOWLARKS ARE **COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.**

A WOODPECKER'S CLAWS ALLOW IT TO HANG ONTO THE TRUNKS OF TREES. ITS TONGUE IS SO LONG THAT IT WRAPS **ALL THE WAY AROUND** THE WOODPECKER'S SKULL BEFORE IT COMES OUT ITS BEAK!

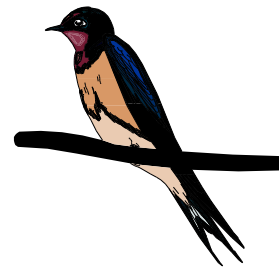
A HOMING PIGEON CAN BE CARRIED HUNDREDS OF MILES WHILE BLINDFOLDED, AND **STILL FLY STRAIGHT BACK TO WHERE IT STARTED!**

GOLDEN PLOVERS MIGRATE FROM HAWAII TO ALASKA EVERY YEAR, FLYING OVER THE PACIFIC OCEAN **WITHOUT A STOP!**

A CHIMNEY SWIFT CAN CATCH **1000** FLYING INSECTS **IN ONE DAY!**



WOODPECKER



BARN SWALLOW

# Bird Identification Sheet

Not all the birds fit nicely into all these categories. You can skip parts that don't apply.

## How Big was that Bird?

Tiny



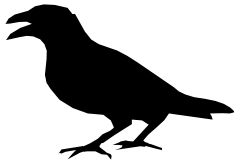
Small



Medium



Large



Huge



## Body Type

Thin



Medium



Plump



## What Colors were on the Bird?

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## Beak (circle all that apply):

- |            |        |
|------------|--------|
| Short      | Long   |
| Thin       | Wide   |
| Straight   | Curved |
| Triangular | Hooked |
| Delicate   | Strong |
| Broad Bill | Other? |

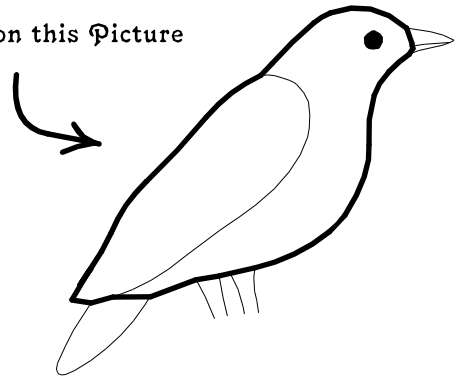
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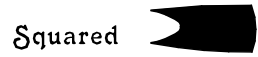
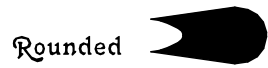
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## Other Special Features

- webbed feet?
- long legs?
- long neck?
- crest or plume?

## Tail Shapes



## Tail Points:

Up

Down

Straight

Moves around a lot

## Where did you see it?



Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Behavior:

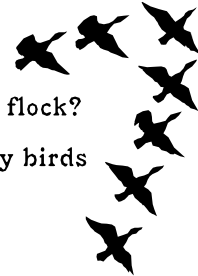
What was the bird doing? and

What interesting behaviors did you notice?

(Describe Below)

Was your bird part of a flock?

If so, estimate how many birds were in the flock.



**Bird Song:** What did it sound like?

Chirp

Call

Squawk

Quack

Silent

Honk

Song

Other?

## Conclusion:

What kind of bird do you think it was?

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